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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Director of Central Intelligence

**SUBJECT:** Meeting With General Adolf Heusinger

1. Heusinger's known agenda for discussion on his visit to Washington:
  - a. Progress in rearmament.
  - b. Problems related planning future GAF developments.
  - c. Role of Fed Rep in anti-air and anti-missile defense.
  - d. Need for a better anti-tank weapon; Soviet superiority in tank strength concerns Heusinger.
  - e. Need for emphasis "forward defense" concept by SHAPE.
  - f. Psychological support of NATO military program needed in Germany.

(Assume all of these were taken up with U. S. JCS.)

2. Heusinger has for ten years been completely consistent in his support of the NATO/EDC/European Union concept. In my close association with him over the years I have found him to be a great and tested supporter of U. S./German cooperation.

3. He has been a devoted adherent to the NATO military program and currently is probably seeking assurance that the U. S. will not withdraw its armed forces from Europe.

4. After discussion with local GIB representative (who has seen Heusinger) it is my estimate that Heusinger may be interested in the Director's views on the following:

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- a. Some comments on current military/political situation.
- b. Soviet economic offensive.
- c. Soviet ideological offensive in India and Africa.
- d. India/Tibet situation.

5. On the intelligence liaison side I would recommend that you make only the following two points:

a. General von Mollathin (who is currently back here on TBT to brief his successor, General Kuehlein) has done a fine job of establishing GIB liaison here. You met Kuehlein in Pullach; we all think he is a good choice to succeed von Mollathin.

b. The U. S. intelligence community is pressing us very hard to conclude an agreement with the Germans on the COMINT/ELINT field; anything General Heusinger can do to assist Gahlen in moving forward would be appreciated.

6. Heusinger is very close to Adenauer; we assume his interest in non-military matters reflects the Chancellor's current interests.

7. I am hosting a small and informal dinner for General Heusinger this evening at which the two GIB Generals (von Mollathin and Kuehlein) and Henry Schardt of the EE Division, who is an old friend of Heusinger, will be present.

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